1	2	3	4
2.	42 (Banerpal to Angul—Length 11.90 km)	1	596.70
3.	200 (Chandikhole to Pitri junction via Dhuburi—Length 126.14 km)	1	284.73
4.	215 (Panikoili to Rajamunda-Length 269 km)	31	16948.09

Loss due to non-implementation of the contract

*253. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Electricity Act and Indian Electricity Rules, 1956, depillaring operations/penetration depth in coal mining is allowed only upto 250 meters;

(b) if so, whether Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) has allowed a private company to penetrate upto 390 meters, violating the Act/Rules, and the guidelines of the Director General Mining Safety (DGMS);

(c) whether violation of Act/Rules has caused delay resulting in loss of several crores of rupees to Government exchequer for non-implementation of the contract;

(d) if so, the complete details of loss so far and whether Government would probe the matter through CVC/CBI; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) There is no such restriction stipulated in the Indian Electricity Act (IEA) and Indian Electricity Rules (IER), 1956, regarding depillaring operations/penetration depths in coal mining.

(b) to (d) All Coal mining operations, whether departmental/outsourced are carried out in accordance with the provisions of Indian Electricity Act, Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 and where applicable with the specific permission of Directorate General of Mines Safety.

(e) Does not arise in view of the replies given to parts (a) to (d) above.

Remarks of China on Arunachal Pradesh

*254. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has, recently, rejected India's assertion that Arunachal Pradesh is its integral part;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such remarks of the Chinese Government;

(c) whether China has also stated that they never recognized the Mc Mohan Line and that the status of the border State was never officially demarcated;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) On 11 November 2008, the spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said, 'The China-India boundary has never been officially demarcated. China's position on the Eastern section of the China-India boundary is consistent and clear. No Chinese Government in the history has ever admitted McMahon Line. India knows this. When it comes to the boundary issue with India, China is ready to work with India and sit for a fair, just settlement acceptable to both the parties through peaceful and friendly negotiations on the basis of mutual understanding.'

Government's position that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India has been reiterated to the Chinese side on many occasions. External Affairs Minister said on 9 November 2008, 'The Chinese side is fully aware that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.'

Government is committed to resolving outstanding differences on the boundary question, through peaceful means and in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner on the basis of the 'Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question' signed on April 11, 2005.

Terror attack in Mumbai

†*255. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clinching evidences of neighbouring countries, particularly Pakistan's hand in the recent gruesome terror attack on Mumbai, have been found;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the diplomatic steps being taken by Government so that Pakistan could be exposed at the International forum?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ongoing investigations have confirmed the involvement of elements in Pakistan.

(c) The High Commissioner of Pakistan was called to the Ministry of External Affairs on 1st December 2008 and was informed that the recent terrorist attack on Mumbai was carried out by elements from Pakistan. Government expects that strong action would be taken against those elements, whosoever they may be, responsible for this outrage. It was also conveyed to the Pakistan High Commissioner that Pakistan's actions needed to match the sentiments expressed by its leadership that it wishes to have a qualitatively new relationship with India. Government has received strong international support from numerous countries in the present situation. As a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.